

calling on their government to fulfill their promises and provide them health care through VA—many in their final years. They should not be told to wait because we lack the resources.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5530 would correct a number of deficiencies in VA's ability to recover the costs of care provided to veterans covered by other health plans. Since 1986, VA has had statutory authority to collect from traditional insurers such as Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Aetna, Mutual of Omaha and many others. These funds are used by VA to supplement appropriated funds to maintain high quality health care. VA also collects from so called "Medi-gap policies" that are an important adjunct to the Medicare program.

But VA is unable to collect from the massive managed care sector, accounting now for over two-thirds of all health plans in the United States, including the managed care plans within Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan. Nor can VA collect from the Medicare program with nearly 40 million eligibles. My legislation would require these federal programs to pay VA for care it provides to covered beneficiaries. This would increase the amount of money VA could collect by hundreds of millions of dollars each year—providing funds that are desperately needed to reduce these intolerable waiting lists and promote better use of all available health care resources.

I urge my colleagues to support and co-sponsor this bill that will be an important supplement to a cash-strapped VA health care system charged with caring for many of our nation's heroes.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MATTHEW PRINCE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on August 26, this Nation lost a great and patriotic American. Dr. Matthew Prince, a very close friend of mine, passed away suddenly due to a heart attack.

Matt was one of the finest men I have ever known. He was both a lawyer and a minister, having graduated from the University of Tennessee with both undergraduate and law degrees, and the Dallas Theological Seminary.

He founded New Life, Inc., an evangelistic ministry and Bible study and served for several years as Pastor for Calvary Evangelical Church. He was host of the Answerline program on WRJZ Radio Station for more than 15 years and later the Treasures of Grace Program. He had also served as Legal Counsel for the Young Life Christian organization and as a lawyer in private practice.

In addition to all this, Dr. Prince was a Sunday School teacher for many years at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church and West Park Baptist Church.

His brother, Dr. Tom Prince, said "Matt was one of the great men of God in his time. . . ."

Most important of all, Matt was a good family man who loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren very much. He was very proud of them, and they have every right to be proud of the life he led.

Matt Prince was a man in the arena. He fought very hard for the things he believed in, and he was never afraid to take a stand for God or Country. This Nation is a better place today, and thousands of lives were touched in a positive way, because of Matt Prince.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the following article about the life of Matt Prince which ran in the Knoxville News-Sentinel on September 18, 2002.

EVANGELIST, CHRISTIAN RADIO HOST OF ANSWERLINE, DIES OF HEART ATTACK

(By Sherri Gardner Howell)

The Rev. Dr. Matthew "Matt" Prince, evangelist and longtime Christian radio host, died Monday, Aug. 26, of a heart attack. The Rev. Dr. Prince, 73, was a radio host for more than 15 years for Answerline on WRJZ radio and taught Sunday School classes at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church and West Park Baptist Church.

After Answerline went off the air, the Rev. Dr. Prince began the Treasures of Grace radio program, which aired each weekday.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, the Dallas Theological Seminary and UT Law School, the Rev. Dr. Prince founded New Life Inc., an evangelistic outreach ministry and Bible study. As part of his law practice, the Rev. Dr. Prince served as head of legal council for Young Life in Colorado Springs, Colo., and then practiced law in Knoxville.

In 1988, the Rev. Dr. Prince led a team that formed Calvary Evangelical Church in West Knoxville and served as its pastor for 5 years.

"Matt was one of the great men of God in this time, and he recreated 'Friendship Evangelism,' a way of introducing people to Christ through friendship and in people's homes," says his brother Dr. Tom Prince.

Their father, Thomas C. Prince, was instrumental in bringing Young Life to Knoxville in 1947.

The Rev. Dr. Prince is survived by his wife, Judy Prince, sons Matt S. Prince Jr. and David Prince of Simi Valley, Calif.; daughters Peggy Miller of Plano, Texas, Patty Mastro of Huntington Beach, Calif., Penny Griffin and Beverly Sharp; step-daughter Trudi Neubeck, and stepson Rick Boensch of St. Petersburg, Fla.; brother, Dr. Tom Prince; nephews Tommy, Gary and Steven Prince; and niece Gayle Scaggs. The Rev. Dr. Prince had 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at West Park Baptist Church with burial at 3 p.m. Thursday at Highland Memorial Cemetery.

EXPRESSING SORROW FOR THE PASSING OF REPRESENTATIVE PATSY MINK

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the works of a great mentor, friend, colleague, and champion in Congress, Representative PATSY MINK.

I am saddened by the sudden loss of such a great leader and heroine. She inspired many

of us through her tireless work, commitment, and dedication throughout her tenure in Congress. I send my condolences to Representative MINK's family, Mr. John Francis Mink, her husband, and Gwendolyn Rachel Mink, her daughter. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Congresswoman MINK was the first Asian American woman to serve in Congress. During her time in Congress she championed many issues including women's rights, education, the environment, equal opportunity for all citizens, and Title IX of the Education Act. She will always be remembered as an outspoken advocate for women and children. She was the kind of public servant we all want to emulate.

PATSY left a lasting legacy behind that has inspired us to continue her work. She touched the lives of many individuals, particularly women through her work on Title IX, which mandates gender equality in any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Title IX has been instrumental in prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs and sports activities that receive Federal funding. Before Title IX, many schools saw no problem in maintaining strict limits on the admission of women or simply refusing to admit them. Since the passage of Title IX, this has changed dramatically. In 1994, women received 38 percent of medical degrees, 43 percent of law degrees, and 44 percent of all doctoral degrees. In 1972, women received only 9 percent of medical degrees, 7 percent of law degrees and 25 percent of doctoral degrees.

Female participation in sports, like receiving a college education, has had unexpected benefits for women through Title IX. Studies have shown that values learned from sports participation, such as teamwork, leadership, discipline and pride in accomplishment, are important attributes as women increase their participation in the workforce, as well as their entry into business management and ownership positions.

More and more women are entering and graduating from college and graduate school. More women are entering and excelling in sports activities. And, more women are entering the corporate world and holding management positions. Representative MINK's leadership in enacting Title IX will continue to make a difference for young women. This is why today in the Education and the Workforce Committee we passed a bill to name Title IX after PATSY MINK. Thanks to her courage and foresight the country is better as women have the opportunity to achieve their full position.

Her work enabled many young women to enter the field of sports, medicine, law, and business. Women today have been empowered to reach as far as they want because of the work Representative MINK championed in Congress.

Representative PATSY MINK's dedication and perseverance will be admired. She will be forever known as a strong, intelligent, and inspirational woman. She left a legacy behind that motivated and touched me deeply. Her work has allowed women to accomplish and reach for any dream they desire to achieve. Thank you, PATSY MINK.